

1 (Currently Amended). Method for the protection of a germinating seed with a pesticide, characterized in that seed-containing pellets and pesticide-containing pellets are sown as individual pellets at the same time and wherein said pesticide-containing pellet comprises an inert core or a killed seed as a core wherein said pesticide is located around said core; and

wherein when said core is an inert core, said inert core comprises a glass-bead, perlite, plastic or pumice.

2 (Original). Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets have substantially the same shape and size as the seed-containing pellets.

3 (Previously presented). Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets comprise a dose of pesticide that is sufficient for one seed germ.

4 (Previously presented). Method according to any of the above claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets contain a filler material.

5 (Previously presented). Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets and the seed-containing pellets have a substantially uniform diameter ranging from 0.5-5 mm.

6. (Previously presented). Pesticide-containing pellet to be used in combination with a seed-containing pellet and wherein said pesticide-containing pellet comprises an inert core or a killed seed as a core and wherein said pesticide is located around said

core.

7 (Previously presented). Method according to claim 1, wherein said pesticide is in contact with said core.

8 (Previously presented). Pesticide-containing pellet according to claim 7, wherein said pesticide is in contact with said core.

9 (Withdrawn). A method for preparing a pesticide-containing pellet wherein said pesticide-containing pellet comprises a killed seed as a core, comprising the steps of:

- killing the seed
- alternating adding coating material and binding solution to provide pellets having a uniform shape and size
- drying the obtained pellets
- coating the dried pellets with a coating-formulation comprising said pesticide, resulting in a thin layer of coating on the outside of said pellet.

10 (Withdrawn). A method for preparing a pesticide-containing pellet wherein said pesticide-containing pellet comprises a killed seed as a core, comprising the steps of:

- killing the seed
- providing a coating solution and a pesticide to said seed, resulting in a layer of film coating on the outside of the killed seed wherein said layer comprises said pesticide.

11 (Withdrawn). A method for preparing a pesticide-containing

pellet wherein said pesticide-containing pellet comprises an inert core, comprising the steps of:

- alternating adding coating material and binding solution to provide pellets having a uniform shape and size
- drying the obtained pellets
- coating the dried pellets with a coating-formulation comprising said pesticide.